

**EO-1743**

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB-55 (Sub-No. 707X)**

**August 11, 2011**

**ABANDONMENT TYPE**

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

☒ ( X ) Notice of Exemption   ☐ ( ) Petition for Exemption   ☐ ( ) Regulated Abandonment

☐ ( ) **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served an EA for this proceeding on July 25, 2011 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended 1 environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

**Comments on the EA**

On August 10, 2011, OEA received a letter from the Ohio Historical Society (State Historic Preservation Office or SHPO). In the letter (see Attachment 1), the SHPO concludes that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed abandonment. Pursuant to the Section 106 regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act at 36 C.F.R. § 800.4(d)(1), and following consultation with the SHPO and the public, OEA has determined that the proposed abandonment would not affect historic properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The documentation for this finding, as specified at 36 C.F.R. § 800.11(d), consists of the railroad's historic report, all relevant correspondence, the EA and this Final EA, which have been provided to the SHPO and made available to the public through posting on the Board's website at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. Accordingly, OEA believes that the condition in the EA should be deleted.

### **Modifications to the EA**

Considering the correspondence from the SHPO received after the EA was issued, OEA believes that recommended condition in the EA should be deleted.

### **Conclusions**

The EA comment period has ended and no conditions are recommended by OEA. Accordingly, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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